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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS

91. (Amended once) The apparatus of claim [90] 88, wherein at least one of said grid generator and said channel selector is configured to operate in transmission.

92. (Amended once) The apparatus of claim [90] 88, wherein at least one of said grid generator and said channel selector is configured to operate in reflection.

115. (Amended once) The [tunable laser] apparatus of claim 88, wherein the grid generator comprises:

an etalon; and

a thermal controller to control a temperature of the etalon to maintain the substantial alignment of the first set of transmission peaks with the corresponding channels of the selected wavelength grid.